



**CITY OF MORGAN HILL**

**17555 PEAK AVENUE MORGAN HILL CALIFORNIA 95037**

**Draft**

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**After Action**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 21, 2003**

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**COMMUNITY & CULTURAL CENTER**

Machado Room  
17000 Monterey Ave.  
Morgan Hill, CA 95037  
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Chair  
Vice-Chair  
Commission Member  
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School Board Liaison  
City Council Liaison

Mark Frederick  
Daniel Kenney  
Laura Hagiperos  
Don Jensen  
Marilyn Librers  
Rick Page  
Craig C. van Keulen  
Amina Khemici  
Hedy Chang

**LIAISON**

BTAC  
Parks  
Seniors  
Arts/Downtown  
YAC/Endowment  
Recreation Center  
Youth Sports/Rec Center

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**Note: Starting Time Change**

*Enjoy the Evening of the Arts from 5:00-8:00 p.m.  
At the Community and Cultural Center*

**8:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

Commissioner Hagiperos absent, Council member Chang absent  
Mayor Kennedy attended

**DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA**

Per Government Code 54954.2

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Four Morgan Hill residents made the request to consider building additional tennis courts, as well as making improvements on the courts already in existence. The improvements specified comprise upgrading the walkways around the courts to prevent players from having to walk through the mud to retrieve a stray ball. Those residents include: Chris Yoder, Pravin Lathigara, Martin Paul, and Danny Covina.

- These citizens were informed that the Commission would be addressing these concerns on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- Chris Yoder supplied 150 signatures in support of additional facilities. Made the recommendation to build 8 courts at Community Park. (At least 8 courts are needed for a tournament.

## **REPORTS**

**PARKS:** Deputy Director Mori Struve

\*Paradise Park Play Equipment Project: Contract Awarded by Scope Modified

2003 PRC meeting. Staff will send out notices at the end of October.

- Paradise Park Play Equipment Project is moving forward without the play equipment due to the bid price being higher than anticipated (163-200k over).
- The contractors involved made a bid with the incorrect equipment included.
- Mori is now hoping to obtain the desired equipment for a lower price, because the contractors will not be involved with installation.
- This project should begin in mid November and be completed before the holidays.
- Commission member van Keulen inquired about using money from the Prop 12 grant. Mori answered it cannot be done.
- Project's new name: Paradise Park Improvement Project

\*Community Park Master Plan Project: Landscape Architect to present draft plan at the November 18,

- Community Park Master Plan Project: Landscape Architect will present the draft plan on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **BUSINESS**

### **1. DOG PARK –STATUS OF STAFF PROGRESS**

**Recommended Action:** Receive status update of progress on Interim and Long-term Potential Projects in accordance with the Dog Park Group's requests; **Provide staff** input on how to proceed relative to both Interim and Long-Term potential projects.

- Mori Struve introduced the option to submit a formal proposal to PG&E on behalf of sharing the use of a section of their property, currently not in use, for a temporary Dog Park.
- Idea stemmed from a similar situation with the City of San Ramon in which they have a 10-year lease with a commercial company to use a section of land for a park.
- City of Morgan Hill has no funding budgeted for this project.
- Chair Frederick inquired when the Capitol Improvement Program process should start. Mori answered in spring of 2004.
- Patti (Police Department representative) conveyed the reports made based on complaints about unleashed dogs in parks. Discouraged combining Dog Park with residential, family oriented parks.
- Janet Howanick (23-yr resident), Margaret (11-yr resident), and Gloria Zufal (27-yr resident) all spoke in favor of building a local Dog Park.
- All in favor of pursuing the PG&E idea (as a second choice).  
Requested night hours of operation for those that work during normal business hours
- Chair Frederick asked about the municipal code against unleashed dogs whether a fenced park could allow owners to unleash their dogs. Mori did not know.

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Mark Frederick</b>	<b>Daniel Kenney</b>	<b>Don Jenson</b>	<b>Marilyn Librers</b>	<b>Rick Page</b>	<b>Craig Van Keulen</b>
Submit a formal proposal to PG&E to lease a section of land for a Dog Park. <i>(Passed)</i>	Yes	<i>2nd</i> Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<i>Motioned</i> Yes
Investigate a small, temporary Dog Park at Community Park. <i>(Vetoed)</i>	<i>Motioned</i> Yes	No	No	<i>2nd</i> Yes	No	No

- Commission member Van Keulen wanted a rough cost estimate for project. Mori suggested \$100k, but will further investigate costs.
- Chair Frederick stated it cost the City of Milpitas \$200k for their park.

## 2. INDOOR RECREATION CENTER DRAFT SCHEMATIC DESIGN

**Recommended Action:** Staff will report on Council's decision of October 15 regarding senior nutrition spaces and provide a general status update.  
Written materials will be handed out at the meeting.

Comments from Commissioners regarding the design: No back of the building access from as many angles as presented; Glass block counts as a Leed rating?; Like to see an alcove in the aerobics room; PRC wanted opportunities to review the plans during the design development phase, Mori responded there would be at least two scheduled review and comment sessions.

Vice-Chair Kenney suggested archway entries would be nice and liked the rounded features on the roof.

Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> report to Council asked if Senior Nutrition should stay in the IRC programming spaces. Council voted in favor 3 to 2 to incorporate Senior Nutrition program in the Center. Council directed staff to compare priorities to 5,100 square feet space and to seek and provide funding for places elsewhere.

Commissioner Page made the motion to adopt recommendation to Council to approve the schematic design as presented; seconded by Vice-Chair Kenney. Approved 6:0. Commissioner van Keulen expressed his appreciation for Mori Struve's work and extra effort on this project.

### Request

Commissioner Librers referenced the memo to Council regarding negotiations with the YMCA and the Indoor Recreation Center. Commissioner Librers moved to request to Council that a representative from the PRC be on the sub-committee discussing the programming partnership with the YMCA in the Indoor Recreation Center. Commissioner van Keulen seconded the motion, approved 5:0 (Commissioner Kenney had left). Staff will ask City Manager for process to move this request forward.

## 3. LEASING OF FORMER BOWLING ALLEY AS INTERIM YOUTH AND SENIOR CENTER

**Recommended Action:** Chair Frederick to discuss concept and receive input.

There is no written material on this item.

- Mayor Kennedy involved in leasing former bowling alley as space for the center. Instructed to inquire about laws that may prohibit gathering of minors near an active bar.
- Commission member asked Mayor Kennedy if lanes were still in working order. Mayor Kennedy answered that they were rather old, but could be renovated along with the arcade area.
- Friendly Inn mentioned as an option; but it is geared more toward the frail elderly, than active.
- Space near Tennant Station is vacant.
- Commission recommended that square footage and amenities needed for this center be established before continuing.

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PRC motion to support staff in determining needs of seniors & youth; staff, programming, & budget needed to make a later recommendation. YAC & SAC must return findings by December. <b>(Passed)</b>	Yes	<b>2nd</b> Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<b>Motioned</b> Yes

**4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2003 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2003.**

**Recommended Action:** approve September minutes as presented. There are no minutes for the October 2, 2003 meeting as there was no meeting quorum.

Motion to approve made by Vice-Chair Kenney, seconded by Commissioner van Keulen, approved 6:0.

**Items placed on next month's meeting:**

Dog Park – continued  
Sports Complex—establishment of a sub-committee

**FUTURE COMMISSION ITEMS**

BMX/Skate Park Design and Fund-raising  
Sports Complex: establishing a sub-committee to include community groups

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS**

Annual Workshop with Council

**ADJOURNMENT**

Regular Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting on September 16, 2003.